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For: **Method for the Production of Recombinant Peptides with a Low Amount of Trisulfides**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PCT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and first action by the Examiner, please amend the present application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 4, 9 and 10.

Please amend claims 1, 3 and 5, 8 as follows:

1. (Amended) Method for the production of recombinant peptides with a low amount of trisulfides, [characterized by the addition of] comprising fermenting cells to produce the recombinant peptides, wherein a metal of salt is added during or after the fermentation step.

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